

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 707

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dellie Sue Leegan Pirtle Oakley on the celebration of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Dellie Sue Leegan Pirtle Oakley will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 10, 2005, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of James and Tobie Leegan, Dellie Sue Leegan was born and raised in Humphreys County near Blue Creek on her family's farm where they raised peanuts, corn, and soy beans; she grew up with her four siblings: Porter, Alvin, Wilson, and Nealy; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 1934, Dellie Sue Leegan was joined in marriage with Leonard Rudolph Pirtle, and the couple's blessed union of thirty-nine years produced eight children, Mildred, Bill, James, Jess, Mary Lou, Betty, Gail, and Donna; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Rudolph and Dellie moved to Braggadocio, Missouri, where their last child, Donna, was born; they lived in Missouri for twelve years before returning to Waverly, Tennessee, where Mrs. Oakley still lives today as a highly respected member of the community; and

WHEREAS, for thirteen years, Dellie Oakley served with acumen and alacrity as a cook at Waverly Central High School, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman eventually married Robert Oakley, and the happy couple enjoyed marital bliss until Mr. Oakley's passing in 1993; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Dellie Oakley approaches her 10th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Oakley evinces her religious faith as a member of the Waverly Church of Christ which she has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, she endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order and is the proud grandmother of twenty-three grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Oakley likes to walk in the neighborhood and raise flowers, and she attributes her longevity to hard work and loving God and her family; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dellie Sue Leegan Pirtle Oakley on the celebration of her 90th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.